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Legislative Assembly Question - No.467 (Starred) L-Lt. Col. Ford Thomson, Adviser in Child Psychology - Particulars as to qualification etc. - Furnished Papers recorded.

Specialist in Child Psychology.

* 467 *Q.*—DR. S. SUBRAHMANYA AYYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a European I.M.S. Officer, who resigned his post on 15th August, has been re-entertained as a Specialist in Child Psychology;

(*b*) what his special qualifications for this job are; and

(*c*) what the remuneration to be paid to him is and for what period he has been so entertained?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—"(*a*) A European Officer who *retired* from the I.M.S. on the 15th August 1947, has been appointed as Adviser to Government in Child Psychology.

"(*b*) The officer has made a special study of children all his adult life; was an officer of the Scottish Schoolboys' Club; was during the war adviser to the Polish authorities in Egypt on the Polish children evacuated from Poland; and Chairman of the Education Committee in Meerut Cantonment. He has conducted many experiments in the training of both delinquent and normal children. In addition, he has done a considerable amount of private practice in child psychology.

(*c*) The officer draws a salary of Rs. 1,600 per mensem *plus* cost of living allowance admisisible from time to time *plus* an income-tax free gratuity of Rs. 420 for each completed month of service under the contract.

The officer has been appointed on contract, for a period of one year from 1st September 1947."

DR. S. SUBRAHMANYA AYYAR:—"Did the Government advertise for this post, Sir, and found whether satisfactory Indian candidates were not available?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—"The Government did not advertise for the post, Sir."

DR. S. SUBRAHMANYA AYYAR:—"May I know why Government did not do it, Sir?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—"Because Government was satisfied that the person appointed was quite qualified for the post."

SRI K. ANANDAN NAMBIYAR:—"വെള്ളക്കാരെ ഈ നാട്ടിൽ നിന്നു പുറത്താക്കണമെന്നു പറയുന്ന നിങ്ങടെ ഗവർമ്മെണ്ട് എന്തിനു വീണ്ടും അവരെ തിരിച്ചു് ഉദ്യോഗത്തിൽ വെക്കണം?"

MR. SPEAKER:—"The hon. Member may put the question in English."

SRI K. ANANDAN NAMBIYAR:—"I am a Malayali and the Hon. Minister knows Malayalam and so I want his answer in Malayalam."

MR. SPEAKER:—"The hon. Member should also understand that except the hon. Member, Mr. K. Anandan Nambiyar, the Hon. Minister and his wife Srimathi Kuttimalu Amma, none of us understand that language. So, for the benefit of the House, it is better if the hon. Member puts his question in English."

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"May I point out for your information that there are not only three Members knowing Malayalam, but there are about 15 including my Mappilla friends who all understand Malayalam?"

MR. SPEAKER:—"The Hon. Minister may answer the question."

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—"Do you want me to answer in Malayalam, Sir? It is only the British Government that has been changed and not all white men have been sent out of this country elsewhere."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU:—"On a point of order, Sir. I want a translation of the question."

MR. SPEAKER:—"It is not possible."

SRI B. S. MURTHI:—"May I know, Sir, whether it is not desirable to have an Indian to look after the Indian children because he can understand their psychology better and whether Government will try to appoint an Indian Officer in the place of the European officer as early as possible?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—"It will be considered after the present contract with the officer is over."

SRI V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"Will the Hon. Minister enlighten the House about the nature of the work of this specialist?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—"The hon. Member may put a separate question."

DR. S. SUBRAHMANYA AYYAR:—"Does this gentleman know the local language, Sir, so that he can talk to the children on whom he is attending?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—"I have found him perfectly able to talk with Tamil children particularly."

SRI A. VEDARATNAM PILLAI:—"May I know, Sir, how many European officers have resigned on 15th August last."

MR. SPEAKER:—"Order, order. A separate question may be put."

SRI A. KALESWARA RAO:—"ఆ ఆఫీసరు రాకకి తెలుగువచ్చునాండి?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—"వారికి తెలుగురాదు."

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Please see the printed proceedings of the L.A.Q.No.467 (Starred) on pp.12--12 c.f. No action is called for on the answers to supplementary questions except with reference to 'A' on p.12 c.f, where the Hon'ble Minister has given an assurance that the question of appointing an Indian as Auditor in Child Psychology will be considered after the present contract with Lt. Col. Ford Thomson is over. The contract with the officer expires on 31-8-1948. An extract of portion 'A' on p.12 c.f. may be added to the original G.O. sanctioning the appointment of Lt.Col.Ford Thomson. A call-book entry may also be made against 1.7.48 so that necessary action may be taken sufficiently in advance of the date of expiry of the period of appointment of the present officer. The papers may be "recorded".

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